

SENATE RESOLUTION 72

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend Darlene McNeece for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee on the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Darlene McNeece is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a member of the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance for more than thirteen years, Mrs. McNeece has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece spent the majority of her career working for the Federal Government in Washington, D.C.; during her thirty-five years there, she worked for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece and her husband retired to Loudon County in 1998 and became active members in the Tennessee and Loudon County Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, in the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, she has also worked tirelessly as the Vice Treasurer of the Loudon County Republican Party and as the Vice President of the Loudon County Republican Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece dedicated much of her time to the Republican Party, particularly during elections; in addition to working at the Loudon County Election Headquarters during election years, she has also aided candidates at political rallies and events and worked

at the Republican National Committee telephone calling bank during the 2010 mid-term election and the 2012 National election; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece also aids in the organization of regular community events, such as the bi-annual Congressman John Duncan barbeque and the annual Loudon County Lincoln Day dinners; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece supports the Republican Party on the national level as well as locally, and she is a member of the National Federation of Republican Women and the Republican National Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece and her husband were selected as 2012 Statesman of the Year from the Second Congressional District by the Tennessee Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece serves her community beyond her contributions to the Republican Party, and she is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the local Garden Club, as well as having served as the president of the Lady Linkster's Golf League; and

WHEREAS, Darlene McNeece is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McNeece is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Darlene McNeece for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee on the Tennessee Registry of Election Finance and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.